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Applicant : Stephen A. Rago
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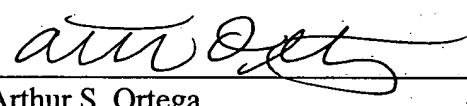
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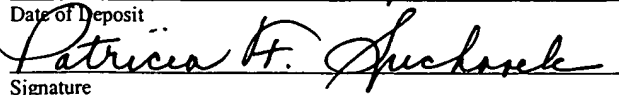
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 6 as follows (unamended claims are shown in small type and italics for ease of reference):

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1. *A method for use in a file system including at least one server and one disc storage device for access by at least one client, said method comprising the steps of:*
 - a. *attaching said client to said file system; and*
 - b. *reading a formal description of the file system by said client from said disc storage device, wherein said client can read and write data to and from said disc storage device without requiring further knowledge of said file system.*
2. *The method of claim 1 wherein step b. further comprises the step of:*
reading enough information to determine the physical block and offset containing a given file's inode given its inode number.
3. *The method of claim 2 wherein step b. further comprises the step of:*

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